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WHITE HOUSE FOR ELLIS WOODWARD, CHIEF OF ADVANCE OFFICE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP: (CARTER, JIMMY)
SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: NORMANDY SCHEDULE

1. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ELYSEE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, WE ESTABLISHED AN INFORMAL LINKAGE BETWEEN OUR DESIRE TO DROP CAEN FROM THE NORMANDY PROGRAM AND THE FRENCH DESIRE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER RIDE IN PRESIDENT GISCARD'S CAR IN NORMANDY. WE HELD IN ABEYANCE A DECISION ON THE CAR UNTIL WE COULD BE SURE THAT THE FRENCH WOULD AGREE TO OUR DESIRE THAT THE NORMANDY PROGRAM BE LIMITED TO OMAHA BEACH AND BAYEUX, AND NOT INCLUDE CAEN.

2. WE HAVE THIS MORNING RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM THE ELYSEE THAT--BASED ON PRESIDENT GISCARD'S PERSONAL APPROVAL--THE FRENCH ARE NOW PREPARED TO DROP CAEN, DESPITE THE POLITICAL PRESSURE PUT ON GISCARD PERSONALLY FROM POLITICIANS IN THE CAEN AREA. WE HAVE REPLIED IN RETURN THAT WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO ACCEDE TO THE STRONG FRENCH REQUEST THAT PRESIDENT CARTER TRAVEL IN PRESIDENT GISCARD'S CAR WHILE IN NORMANDY.
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